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4 February 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT

: Declassification of the Murphy Commission  
Transcript

I concur in your proposed letter from the Director to  
Ambassador Murphy and in the recommendation for the declassification of the material mentioned in paragraph 1. a., b., c., and e. of your memorandum of 25 January 1974. However, I would think the Director might be reluctant to declassify the

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Deputy General Counsel

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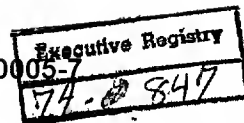
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DCI/IC 74-0926

9 MAR 1974

The Honorable Robert D. Murphy, Chairman  
Commission on the Organization of the  
Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy  
2025 M Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Murphy:

At the request of the Commission, my representatives have reviewed the transcript of my testimony before the Commission with the objective of identifying all matters which are classified. Statements which we wish you to hold in the highest confidentiality are underlined in red in your copy. I ask that you make certain that these matters do not appear in the public record. All other portions of the transcript can be considered open to your use for any purpose.

I would like to call to your attention that occasionally throughout the transcript we have underlined the remarks of some of the Commissioners, indicating that we consider those statements to include classified material. This has been done for two reasons. First, because the member's question or statement alludes quite specifically to a part of my own testimony which is classified. Second, and mainly with respect to your remarks and some of Senator Mansfield's, prior knowledge of intelligence matters by members of the Commission revealed substance which would have been treated as classified had I made the remarks myself. In the latter cases, I am sure that we were all sharing information and past experiences quite openly because we respected the confidentiality of the session.

I want to thank you for the courtesy which you have displayed throughout the hearings and in prior and subsequent staff contact. It has been a most interesting experience for me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby



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